

# SADD Coffee House to bring sweet music to the ears

By Mable Hastings

**O**n Friday, Feb. 22 (please note the date change as this event has been advertised for Feb. 1 but was changed to the Feb. 22), the Missisquoi North Youth Center Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) chapter will be holding a Coffee House Open Mic musical evening in Mansonville. The Coffee House will be hosted by Ralph Steiner and will feature the musical talents of area musicians who come and donate their time to perform for these events in support of SADD and the youth programs. The event begins at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Mansonville Catholic Church (Main Street) and admission plus homemade dessert and beverage (while supplies last) is \$5 per person or entrance only is \$2.

The Mansonville Optimist Club donates the use of its sound equipment which is run by performer and guitarist Christian Rodrigue, a member of the Potton municipal council. The evening pro-

vides a relaxed atmosphere where friends can gather to encourage and enjoy the talent of our local artists both young and old, performing in both languages.

The Mansonville SADD youth have been organizing Coffee House Open Mic evenings with the support of the Former Youth Involvement (FYI), for close to fourteen years and the event is always a hit with audience members. The music performed is diverse and a mixture of country, rock, folk and favorites! Ralph Steiner is always a treat and has been hosting the event since the first Coffee House in 1999-2000.

The Coffee House is one of many events happening in Potton as part of the municipality's involvement in the "Festive Heart" month to promote heart health and good living. The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre will be holding its chili supper and silent auction the following evening in the same location. The supper is a fundraising initiative by the Ken Jones program and the silent

auction benefits the volunteer centre (CAB) in Mansonville. Supper runs from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and the auction follows. Supper tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased or reserved by calling the youth centre at 450-292-4886.

If you have an item you would like to donate for the auction, please contact the CAB main office at 450-292-3114.

The SADD youth would also like to remind everyone that they are holding an indoor sale fundraiser at the youth center (282 Main Street Mansonville), this Saturday, Jan. 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items up for sale include second hand jewellery, purses, scarves, knick-knacks, dishes, movies, books and lots of other items. If you have things to donate, please contact Mable at 450-292-4886. Donations are gratefully accepted (no clothing please) and they ask that all electronic items be in good working order.

As winter sets in, the activities are plentiful in Potton. For more information about municipal Festive Hearts initiatives, please contact their website at [www.potton.ca](http://www.potton.ca) and for more information on CAB volunteer centre activities, visit [www.cabmn.org](http://www.cabmn.org)



COURTESY OF ALEX HASTINGS MEFFE

Whether it is at the Coffee House Open Mic, the chili supper and silent auction, the indoor sale or all three events, the happy faces of the people who volunteer at the CAB will be happy to see you there.

